

(1) Treasury securities purchased initially as book-entry securities that are your personal holdings, in sole owner, owner with beneficiary, and primary owner with secondary owner forms of registration;

(2) Gifts of savings bonds that have not yet been delivered;

(3) Converted savings bonds that you have transferred from your conversion linked account.

(b) *Linked account.* A linked account is an account that is a separate account from your primary account, but that is connected to your primary account. You use your primary account as a portal to open and access the linked account. Linked accounts include the following:

(1) *Custom account.* A custom account is an account that is linked to your primary account. You use your primary account as the portal to open and access your custom account. You may informally designate a purpose for the custom account, for example, “vacation fund”, or “Johnny’s college fund”. However, the designation as to purpose has no legal effect; the registration of the securities held in the custom account determines ownership (Annual purchase limitations include securities held in custom accounts). You may use your custom account to buy, redeem and transfer securities that you own in sole owner, owner with beneficiary, and primary owner with secondary owner forms of registration. You may also buy and deliver gift savings bonds from your custom account.

(2) *Minor account.* A minor account is an account established by a custodian for a person who has not yet reached the age of 18 years. A minor account is linked to the custodian’s primary account. The minor is the owner of the securities, but the custodian controls the account on behalf of the minor. (See § 363.27 for more information about minor accounts.)

(3) *Conversion account* means a linked account in TreasuryDirect that contains only savings bonds that have been converted from definitive bonds to book-entry bonds.

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§ 363.11 Who is eligible to open a TreasuryDirect® account?

In order to open a TreasuryDirect account, you must:

(a) Have a valid social security number;

(b) Have a United States address of record;

(c) Have an account at a United States depository financial institution that will accept debits and credits using the Automated Clearing House method of payment;

(d) Be 18 years of age or over;

(e) Be legally competent; and

(f) Be an individual.

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§ 363.12 Who may purchase and hold book-entry securities in TreasuryDirect®?

(a) A TreasuryDirect account owner may purchase and hold securities through his or her account.

(b) We do not permit a legally incompetent person to open an account, purchase securities, or convert savings bonds once we have been provided with an order from a court with appropriate jurisdiction determining incompetence to perform such activities.

(c) We do not permit a legal representative, a legal guardian, or a voluntary representative to purchase securities on behalf of the estate of a decedent or an incompetent person.

(d) We may reject any application for the purchase of a security, in whole or in part. We may refuse to issue a security in any case or class of cases, if we deem the action to be in the public interest. Our decision in any such respect is final.

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§ 363.13 How can I open a TreasuryDirect® account?

You must establish a TreasuryDirect account online before you purchase a Treasury security to be held in your account. Instructions for online account establishment may be found at the official Public Debt website at <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>, or such other Internet address as Public Debt may from time to time announce by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.